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Sashikanth Chandrasekaran

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METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR REDUCING LATENCY AND MESSAGE TRAFFIC For:

DURING DATA AND LOCK TRANSFER IN A MULTI-NODE SYSTEM

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above identified application.

Additional fee (check enclosed) in the amount of \$36.00 for additional claims is required. \bowtie

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Total Claims	43	41	2	\$18.00 =	\$36.00
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		Multiple claims newly presented			\$0.00
TOTAL FEE DUE				\$36.00	

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed August 18, 2004, the shortened statutory period for which runs until November 18, 2004. Please revise the subject application as indicated below. The Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in light of the following remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 17 of this paper.

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